

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

### Listing of claims:

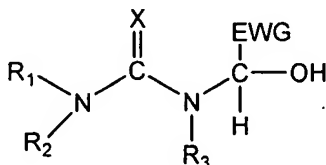
1. (Currently Amended) Process for forming capsules comprising the steps of:

- (1) forming a solution of an amino compound (I) in a solvent;
- (2) forming a dispersion of a core material in the solution;
- (3) depositing the amino compound as a resin upon the surface of the core material to form capsules ~~without adding an exogenous deposition promoter~~; and
- (4) optionally hardening and/or recovering the capsules,

whereby steps (1) and (2) are executed in either order or simultaneously, and

wherein amino compound (I) has the following formula

(I)



where:

X is  $\ominus$  or  $\text{NR}_5$ ;

EWG is an electron-withdrawing group;

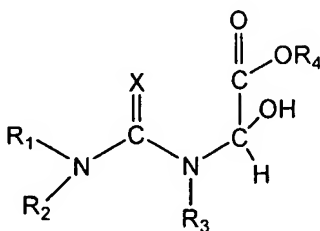
$\text{R}_1$ ,  $\text{R}_2$ ,  $\text{R}_3$ ,  $\text{R}_5$  are equal to an H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group; and

$\text{R}_1$ ,  $\text{R}_2$ , and  $\text{R}_5$  or  $\text{R}_1$ ,  $\text{R}_2$ , and  $\text{R}_3$  may together form a heterocyclic group.

2. (Original) Process according to claim 1, wherein EWG is an acid-, ester-, cyano-, di-alkylacetal-, aldehyde-, substituted phenyl-, or trihalomethyl group.

3. (Currently amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein in step (1) a solution of a compound (V) from an amino compound/alkanol hemiacetal mixture in a solvent is formed, wherein compound (V) is an amino compound according to the following formula:

(V)



where:

X is equal to O or NR<sub>5</sub>;

R<sub>4</sub> is equal to a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> alkyl group, aryl group, aralkyl group or cycloalkyl group;

R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>5</sub> are equal to an H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or heterocyclic group; and

R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>5</sub> or R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> may together form a heterocyclic group.

4. (Original) Process according to any one of claims 1-3, wherein the solvent is water.

5. (Original) Process according to claim 3, wherein the molar amino group/hemiacetal ratio is between 3 and 1.

6-13. (Cancelled).